GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1729
ANSWERED ON:25.07.2002
BORROWING FROM MARKET
ARUN KUMAR

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways have been borrowing money from the market at higher rates and utilising them for sustaining loss- making operations;

(b) if so, the total money so far borrowed from the market and the rate of interest at which it is borrowed; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken to cut down the unwanted expenditure to bring utmost economy in the expenditure?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA)

(a) No, Sir. Market borrowings are used only to finance the acquisition of revenue generating assets namely wagons, coaches and locomotives.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Regular review of all expenditure is being carried out by Railways keeping in view the operational needs and priorities as well as the available resources. Measures have also been taken to control expenditure by right-sizing the manpower, improving asset utilization and staff productivity, better inventory management, savings in fuel consumption, austerity in areas such as travel, publicity, hospitality etc.